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NATO CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING: MARITIME "LOCATE" SYSTEM

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TO DEPT OF STATE WASHDC //ATTN: MR DOUGLAS MCKINNEYAA

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1. FOLLOWING ARE U.S. DELEGATION COMMENTS OF DEVELOPMENT
OF THE LOCATE SYSTEM, INVITED BY PARAGRAPH 4 OF
AC/271-ADPAG-WP/7.

2. CONCUR WITH THE STATIC DATA FILE APPROACH. RECOMMEND
THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO ADDING A DATA ELEMENT TO
SHOW STATUS OF SHIPS, E.G., ENTERED IN THE DSA POOL,
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COMMERCIAL EMPLOYMENT, SUNK, ETC. DSA WILL WANT TO
REFERENCE A COMPLETE REGISTER OF NATO SHIPS, NOT JUST DSA
POOL SHIPS IN CURRENT DSA EMPLOYMENT. STATIC DATA FILE
APPEARS MOST CONVENIENT DEVICE FOR CREATING THAT REGISTER.

3. DETAILED DESIGN OF DYNAMIC DATA FILE SHOULD NO DOUBT WAIT UPON DECISION OF COMPUTER SUPPORT FOR DSA ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS OF THE DSA PLANS REVIEW. HOWEVER, FOR PRESENT PLANNING, RECOMMEND CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO EXPLOITING EXISTING AND PLANNED MILITARY SHIP LOCATOR SYSTEMS TO PROVIDE INPUT TO DSA DYNAMIC DATA FILE. FOR EXAMPLE, CINCSOUTH NOW HAS CAPABILITY TO ENTER MERCO MESSAGES IN ITS SHIP LOCATOR SYSTEM AUTOMATICALLY. DUPLICATION OF THAT COMPLEX SYSTEM IS NOT DESIRABLE, IF PROCESSED OUTPUTS FROM THE CINCSOUTH FILE CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO RSB(W). CINCSOUTH SYSTEM DOES NOT PROVIDE ALL DATA DSA WOULD NEED, BUT RELIANCE ON MILITARY SYSTEMS FOR SHIP LOCATOR INFORMATION WOULD GREATLY SIMPLIFY DSA SYSTEM DESIGN, SAVE TIME AND MONEY IN SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT, AND AVOID NEED FOR DSA TO FIND EQUIPMENT TO HANDLE AUTOMATED INPUT OF MERCO MESSAGES.

4. PARAGRAPH 9 OF THE ATTACHMENT TO WP/7 IMPLIES THAT A BASIC LISTING OF THE STATIC DATA FILE WOULD BE SUPPLEMENTED BY PERIODIC CORRECTION LISTINGS. IT IS HOPED THAT COMPLETE UPDATED LISTINGS WOULD BE PROVIDED, TO AVOID THE NECESSITY FOR MANUAL CORRECTION WHICH, OVER TIME, WOULD PRODUCE UNRELIABLE RECORDS.

5. PARAGRAPHS 13-23 OF THE ATTACHMENT TO WP/7 IMPLY INTENT TO PROCEED AT THIS TIME WITH DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM TO SUPPORT PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATION FUNCTIONS. WE ASSUME, HOWEVER, THAT, PENDING COMPLETION OF THE PLANS REVIEW, THE DYNAMIC DATA FILE WOULD BE CARRIED ONLY TO THE POINT OF LAYING OUT A BASIC RECORD FORMAT AND IDENTIFYING POSSIBLE INPUT DATA SOURCES.

6. WITH REFERENCE TO PARAGRAPHS 25 AND 26 OF THE ATTACHMENT TO WP/7, IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT BOTH THE FREIGHT RATES COMMITTEE AND THE IIO WILL REQUIRE EXTENSIVE COMPUTER SYSTEMS WHICH SHOULD BE DEVELOPED SEPARATELY FROM THE DSEB/RSB SYSTEMS. FOR COMMON DATA, THE SYSTEMS SHOULD, OF COURSE, INTERFACE. UNQTE INGERSOLL

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